THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Under National Seeds Project-III, an assistance of Rs. 121.50 crores has been made available to the two National and ten State Seed Corporations for financial and operational restructuring to enable them to become economically viable. The assistance was provided by way of contribution towards margin money, equity, contributors share for raising institutional finance, repayment of loan to Government and banks.

(b) and (c) .The assistance provided to the Corporations has improved the financial and working efficiency of these Corporations, and has resulted in reduction in loan burden, increase in financial and physical turnover, restructuring of organisation, creation of infrastructural facilities, and improved financial performance to be able to distribute certified/ quality seeds to the farming community.

Introducing Career Oriented Courses in Delhi University

1262. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need to analyse admission trends in college education in view of seats lying vacant in subjects covered under pure science and liberal arts, including humanities in different colleges of Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce more career oriented applied sciences and vocational courses from next year as students are no longer interested in pursuits of academic career purely for the sake of knowledge; and

(c) if so, the details of the perspective planning therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Transfer of FP&ARD to Ministry of Agriculture

1263. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 2890 given in Rajya Sabha on 31.3.95 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to transfer Fertilizer Promotion and Agricultural Research Division (FP&ARD) under Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) to Ministry of Agriculture because of its potential for fertilizer promotion and education among the farmers;

(b) whether Government have noted that the activities of FP&ARD are closely related with the marketing of fertilizers and the efficient functioning at field level as well as the result oriented approach could be achieved if it is managed by the fertilizer producing companies; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon alongwith any short-term and long-term plan been made for full utilisation of FP&ARD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Fertilizer Promotion and Agricultural Research Division (FP&ARD) of M/s. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) is an agency basically involved in farm related research and connected extension work. The activities of FP&ARD are not directly relatable to the commercial